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Good Sport off Pearl Harbor



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Wilder hung a tuna which he is confident was a record fish and which he played for 48 minutes, but finally lost alongside the launch.

The anglers say that there were apparently plenty of fish off shore and that good catches should reward the skillful fisherman.

Men, Books, People & Things by Ed. G. G. G.

Recently in a conversation with one of our Canadian citizens, he very emphatically contradicted my statement that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had been criticized for not favoring Canadian recruits to the Boer war. This gentleman stated, moreover, that Mr. Laurier had made public speeches in favor of sending volunteers to South Africa, and was so reported in Hansard's (the Canadian "Congressional Record").

Though positive of the correctness of my impression, I did not have at hand any documentary evidence to sustain me, but I promised to take the matter up.

Yesterday came a letter from Urie Barthe, intimate friend and biographer of Mr. Laurier, saying that he had sent me a copy of his book, together with other matter on the subject.

On page 13 of this publication—"Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier ministre du Canada," I find:

"After becoming prime minister, Mr. Laurier was obliged to face two delicate situations: one, the occasion of the Boer war, the other, the granting of separate schools to the provinces of the West."

"When President Kruger presented his ultimatum to the British government, Ontario requested the Canadian government to send volunteers to aid the mother country in her war against the Boers."

"This proposal was coldly received in the province of Quebec, where the majority of its citizens if not in sympathy with the Boers, were at least neutral."

"Therefore Sir Wilfrid stated that Canadian military laws did not authorize his government to use Canadian troops for any other purpose than the defense of Canada itself; that, indeed, if he made any other use of them in compliance with the request of the province of Ontario, his action would be unconstitutional and illegal."

"Moreover, said he, Great Britain had not asked for such help, nor stated that she was in need of it, or that military assistance would be accepted were it offered."

"Sir John MacDonald had himself refused to send troops to aid England in her war in Egypt."

"But such was war sentiment in Ontario that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's refusal was misconstrued, and he was accused of disloyalty to the home government, or of want of patriotism at least."

In 1904 "L'Union des Cantons de l'Est" said:

"Undoubtedly it was the intention of H. M. King Edward to create Sir Wilfrid Laurier duke of Arthabaska."

"The refusal of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to send troops to Africa and his reasons therefore have deprived Mr. Laurier of his laurels, but the Canadian people have shown their loyalty to their favorite son."

Afterwards, when the 1900 elections were over, and Mr. Laurier was sustained by a large majority (though Ontario went conservative), the reasonableness of his position became clear.

It was the Canadian spirit of independence which existed more largely in Quebec which adjoins New England, than elsewhere in Canada, and of which Mr. Laurier's "Défenseur" published by him in his early manhood was a radical exponent.

In those days when Mr. Laurier was more radical, or at least more enthusiastically so, he was accused of being an annexationist. But often he had

said to my father: "Independence means annexation—the lesser must be absorbed by the greater."

From boyhood Mr. Laurier has been a great admirer of our form of government and of our heroes and great men. Reverence for our institutions were a better word. All through these speeches, are references to the United States, and the ethical principles of our government.

And Mr. Laurier's friendship for Mr. Taft together with his support of reciprocity, were factors that went to defeat the ex-premier when his opponent, Mr. Borden, was elected.

In a speech against the Franchise Act, April 17, 1885, Mr. Laurier said:

"But our constitution is derived not only from British institutions; it is mainly derived from the American constitution, and the American constitution has a principle exactly similar to that which I now advocate. Now the American constitution is our model. That constitution has stood the test of a great civil war. It has been amended from time to time, but very sparingly, and there has not been to my knowledge any complaint made against this provision of the constitution."

In the Hansard of 1885, p. 3119, I find a clause formulated by Edward Blake, then in the house:

"It is resolved, That in the administration of northwest affairs by the present government, prior to the recent outbreak, there have occurred grave instances of neglect, delay and mismanagement in matters affecting the peace, welfare and good government of the country."

It was just after the return of federal volunteers from a campaign in the northwest, which cost the country both blood and millions in money, that Mr. Laurier made his famous speech on "The Northwest Rebellion."

"But this I say, and I say it coming from a province where, less than 50 years ago, every man of the race to which I belong was a rebel, and where today every man of that race is a true and loyal subject and as loyal as any that breathes—I say give these men justice, give them freedom, give them their rights, treat them as for the last 40 years you have treated the people of Lower Canada, and, by and by throughout those territories you will have contentment, peace and harmony where today is discord, hatred and war are ruining the land."

After referring to the leniency shown rebels in the Civil War, Mr. Laurier in his speech on the execution of Louis Riel, said:

"In our age, in our civilization, every single human life is valuable, and is entitled to protection in the councils of the nation. It was a judicial murder to execute him. The great mass of the people believed that mercy should have been extended to all the prisoners. Riel included, because the rebellion was the result of the policy followed by the government against the half-breeds."

In a private letter Mr. Laurier tells me that Lincoln was his early pattern and ideal; that he had made a study of Lincoln's life and career, and tried to mould his own upon that of our loved president. If such an admiration for one of the world's greatest men has subjected Mr. Laurier to criticism, it is only from the small and narrow.

As Canada becomes more homogeneous, partizan bitterness is dying out in a land where American ideals and institutions prevail.

*Collection of the Principal Speeches Made in Parliament or Before the People, by the Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 1871-1890.

TITANIC CLAIMS DECREE CLOSES ALL LITIGATION

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NEW YORK.—Litigation involving claims against the owners of the steamship Titanic arising from its sinking four years ago was ended recently when Judge Mayer in the admiralty branch of the federal district court signed a decree granting the petition of the White Star Line limiting its liability. This decree, by extrajudicial agreement, will start the division of nearly \$800,000 claim money among hundreds of claimants for large amounts.

The decree declares "the petitioner is not liable to any extent for any loss, damage, injury, destruction or fatality, or for any claim whatsoever in any way resulting or arising from or growing out of said collision and sinking, and is free from all personal and corporate liability * * * and all debts, claims and demands of whatsoever nature resulting from the voyage of the steamship Titanic, which began at Southampton, April 10, 1912."

No Negligence Found.
The decree also absolves officers of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., from charges of negligence, denies the right of any claimant not a party to previous settlement agreements to recover damages, and perpetually enjoins and restrains any new actions of any kind for Titanic damages against the line "in any court of any country or jurisdiction."

Pursuant to the decree, Frank Fardon, clerk of the court, at once returned to Burlington, Montgomery & Beecher, proctors in admiralty for the White Star Line, \$117,101.35, the amount, less fees, deposited with the court when the petition was filed. This sum will be added to \$666,000 deposited by the line with the New York Trust Company, to be divided pro rata among the claimants who reached an agreement out of court several weeks ago with the steamship company. This division will award approximately 21 per cent on claims, totalling about \$15,000,000.

When the claims were entered in 1912 the company made its petition, depositing the amount of the passenger and freight receipts for the fatal voyage and the salvage on the vessel. This was in accordance with a federal statute which limits any steamship company's liability to that equivalent unless it is shown negligence contributed to an accident.

Claims Consented to Decree.
At a hearing before Judge Mayer last summer much evidence and testimony was offered to show the accident was due to negligence. While Judge Mayer had his decision under consideration representatives of the line and the claimants reached an agreement by which the latter accepted the pro rata dividend and consented to the entry of a decree similar to that signed yesterday, if agreeable to Judge Mayer.

If the decree had adjudged the line guilty of negligence the company would have been liable to damages of several millions.

Relatives of many of the wealthiest victims of the Titanic will not benefit by the division, having never filed suits. Mrs. Henry B. Harris, widow of the theatrical manager, is understood, will receive the largest individual award, \$50,000. The families of many steerage passengers will get substantial sums.

THE BETTER THING
It is better to lose with a conscience clean
Than win by a trick unfair;
It is better to fail and to know you've been
Whatever the prize was, square.
Than to claim the joy of a far-off goal
And the cheers of the standers-by,
And to know down deep in your inmost soul
A cheat you must live and die.

Who wins by trick may take the prize,
And at first he may think it sweet,
But many a day in the future lies
When he'll wish he had met defeat.
For the man who lost shall be glad at heart
And walk with his head up high,
While his conqueror knows he must play the part
Of a cheat and a living lie.

The prize seems fair when the fight is on,
But save it is truly won.
You will hate the thing when the crowds are gone,
For it stands for a false deed done.
And it's better you never should reach your goal
That ever success to buy
At the price of knowing down in your soul
That the glory is all a lie.

—Edgar A. Guest, in Detroit Free Press.

BATTERY TIPS.
In warm weather the battery electrolyte evaporates more rapidly than in the colder weather and hence the cells should be inspected and filled more frequently. The cells should be brought to level once each week during the summer months.

fore the People, by the Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 1871-1890.

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(Level measurements)
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